



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 27TH JULY 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. (Psalm 84:5-6)

Sunday 27th July	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Ruth - Redemption: At the town gate
	Readings:	Ruth 4:1-22 and Matthew 1:1-6
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	John Pattison

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 28 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 30 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church followed by coffee
Thursday 31 st	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel (No St Luke's Toddlers due to school summer holiday)
Friday 1 st		(No Fab Friday or Youth Club due to school summer holiday)
Sunday 3 rd	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Service in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

We only need to look at the dry, parched ground in our local parks and gardens this summer to be reminded of the need for rain. And just as the land has become dry and parched, so too our nation, our lives, and even our church can become spiritually dry.

Psalm 84 speaks of those whose **hearts are set on pilgrimage**, those who recognize their **need for God** and who are serious about seeking him. As they do so, the dry places through which they pass are refreshed. The desert becomes a **place of springs**, with pools of water welling up, as **blessings** flow out. During our Half Night of Prayer last Sunday a picture was shared of a **spring of water welling up** at St Luke's. There was a sense that, as we gathered and devoted ourselves to prayer in a deeper way than before, God was at work, beginning to **refresh** our church and our lives where they have become **spiritually dry**. We desperately need this, so we'll be having more opportunities to gather for prayer in the coming months. We'll also share more of what we felt God was saying during the Half Night of Prayer. For now, during this quieter summer period, let's be those who **set our hearts on pilgrimage with Jesus** and continue praying for God to **refresh** all that has become spiritually dry – in our community, in the life of our church, and in our own lives.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for Sixth Sunday After Trinity: Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for peace in areas affected by war and conflict, including Ukraine, the Middle East, and the Sudans.
- Pray for the work of the St Luke's safeguarding team, working to ensure that we are a safe, welcoming and caring church for all who come along to our services, groups and events.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Toby Hill and his family (grandson of Jean & Richard Snow), Margaret Holst, Lisa, Louise, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Tina, Sara Turnbull's mother Alix and Sid Wells.

This week we are praying the Christian Aid prayer for the 80th Anniversary of Christian Aid

God of justice and mercy, we cry out for a world where we all are treated as equals.

Where no one is oppressed, and dignity belongs to all people.

Break the chains of injustice. Lift up the weak, the humble, and the powerful.

Make love our foundation. Let peace and justice flow like a river that never runs dry. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th August
Friday 5th Sept 10.30am – 12.30pm
Sunday 14th September

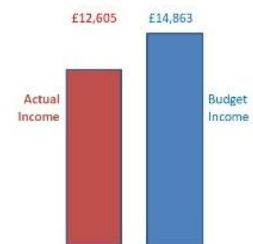
Heroes Academy Holiday Club for primary school age children
MyChurchSuite Drop-in in the Church Office
Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day after the morning service

NOTICES

Update on Church Finances

We are grateful for all your generosity following our gift day in March, but our income remains well below budget, and we risk eating into our reserves considerably this year. We are considering options to reduce costs. Apart from parish share, our largest cost is staff salaries, and we may need to make savings in this area if nothing changes. To avoid this, our income from regular giving needs to increase. **Our deficit is such that we need an average of around £30 extra per church member per month.** Please could you consider setting up a monthly gift using the Parish Giving Scheme or standing order, if you haven't yet done so? Thank you, Steve Blight, Honorary Treasurer.

June 2025
Church Regular Income versus Budget



Mission Partnerships Sunday – Thank You

Recently, it was good to hear from Mark Rathbone about the work of the Poole-Wau Partnership, and to pray for all of our mission partners, including our new link with Ben and Katy Ray working with CMS in Tanzania. Thank you to those who have already given a gift towards the work of our mission partners. If you haven't yet done so and would like to, we would be grateful if you could do so by Sunday 27th July. Thank you!

Thanks for your prayers

Joyce Ward is recovering well and would like to thank everyone for their prayers. She is very grateful.

Holes Bay Walk

A message from Val Wilson: "Thank you to all the people who supported me on my sponsored walk, especially Steve and Pauline who did the walk with me. I raised £595 for the Poole Wau Partnership."

Number 20 Bus Route Consultation

A consultation on the future of the number 20 bus (and others) is taking place. Please follow this link if you wish to complete the online survey or download a paper version: <https://haveyoursay.bpcouncil.gov.uk/bus-subsidies-2025>

Heroes Academy Holiday Club – 26th-29th August

We're really excited for this year's holiday club for primary school aged children. Places are filling up quickly so make sure you book your children in ASAP if you haven't done so already! If you would like to help, please speak to Anna.

New Wine Festival 2025

The New Wine Festival takes place at Shepton Mallet on 30th July – 4th August. Stuart, Rachel and family are going. Please speak to them if you would like to find out more, to book for New Wine, or to visit for a day. Day tickets now on sale. We'd suggest coming for the day on Saturday 2nd August. For more info see: <http://www.new-wine.org/events/>

Pattern of Saturday prayer meetings

Please note that from August onwards, our fortnightly Saturday morning prayer meetings at 9.30am will take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. We hope this will make it easier to keep track of when they are happening. This means the next one is on Saturday 9th August at 9.30am.

Helping you with MyChurchSuite! – Friday 5th September

Many of you are now using the MyChurchSuite app to keep your details up to date, check when you are serving on rotas, and so on, which is great. But we are aware that not everyone finds technology easy, so we are offering some more drop-in sessions in the church office to help you get to grips with MyChurchSuite. We can help with: how to get the app set up on your phone or computer, how to update your personal details, how to provide your unavailability, and more. Please do drop-in to the church office on **Friday 5th September** any time between 10.30am and 12.30pm

Monthly 9am Holy Communion Service – Starting in September

Starting on Sunday 7th September, we will trial holding a simple service of Holy Communion at 9am on the first Sunday of the month. This will be a quiet service with hymns on the piano, lasting just under an hour. All are welcome.

Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day – Sunday 14th September, 12 noon – 3pm

This will be a time for everyone involved in children's and youth ministry at St Luke's to come together as a team for some training and to think about our vision and plans going forward. We'll meet after the morning service and lunch will be provided. Please put the date in your diary and join us on Sunday 14th September.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

Bank details: CAF Bank Limited Name: St Lukes Church Account No: 00008836 Sort Code: 40-52-40

Or please send a cheque payable to 'St Luke's Church Parkstone PCC' to the Church Office, Wellington Road, Poole BH14 9LF

Church Office opening hours: week commencing 28th July 2025 – Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am – 3pm

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